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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (Canceled).

Claim 20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Canceled).

Claim 23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Currently amended) A method of making a ballistically effective, flexible composite comprising the steps of:

arranging a plurality of filaments in a fibrous web;

placing matrix islands within the plurality of filaments, each of said matrix islands having an average size of less than 5 mm in a planar dimension;

and

causing each matrix island to connect at least two filaments in fixed relationship;

wherein the final volume ratio of matrix to the plurality of filaments in the composite is approximately 0.4 or less.

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Claim 25 (Original). The method of claim 24, wherein said placing step comprises spraying matrix particles.

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Claim 26 (Original). The method of claim 24, wherein said causing step is selected from the group consisting of applying heat, applying pressure, and a combination thereof.
